



Above — Service members join in a late-night game of Texas Hold 'em during Friday's alcohol-free 24-Hour Hoopla event at Kahuna's Recreation Center.

Inset — Cpl. Kevin Vonier, administrative clerk, Headquarters Battalion, plays dealer during a game of Texas Hold 'em.

Below — The Xbox Halo 2 tournament was one of the draws at the 24-Hour Hoopla.



## A Whole Lotta Hoopla



SM&SP's 24-Hour Hoopla drew service members with varied events such as poker games, and an Xbox Halo 2 and pool tournaments.

### Single Marine & Sailor Program celebrates last days of summer

**Story and Photos By Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

The Single Marine & Sailor Program held its 24-hour Hoopla at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Kahuna's Recreation Center on Friday, to provide Marines and Sailors with fun and entertainment that promoted entertainment without alcohol and gave them the opportunity to earn 101 Days of Summer points for their units.

The annual event, known in the past as a 48-hour Hoopla, featured various games and tournaments that included Texas Hold 'em and board games as well as Xbox Halo 2 and pool tournaments. Pizza was provided to attendees during the festivities.

Alexis Swenson, manager of the recreation center, said that the Hoopla was a significant event and was the one time this year that all activities were focused on pure entertainment.

"We just received brand new Playstations and Xbox games that folks enjoyed during the Hoopla, or anytime after," said Swenson. "If a Marine or Sailor is new to the base and hasn't seen the Rec Center, this is a great time to check out what the center has to offer."

Cpl. Kevin Vonier, Headquarters Battalion, said that the 24-hour Hoopla was a good idea for Marines or Sailors who want to get away from the bar scene or are not old enough to drink alcohol.

"There were a lot of people who showed up that night," said Vonier, an Atlanta, Ga. native. "It kind of surprised me how much fun everyone was having and how many people actually attended. All and all, it turned out really well."

Once the sun came out the next morning, part two of the Hoopla began. A beach bash was held at Pyramid Rock, Saturday.

"The beach bash started at 10 a.m.," said Vonier. "The people who came all played volleyball and limbo before eating the lunch that was made for them to re-energize them."

Swenson explained how this was the first time that the beach bash was affiliated with the Hoopla.

"It seemed very fitting for the Hoopla to add the beach bash," said Swenson. "It provides an opportunity for those who spent all night at the Rec Center to get out."

Gabby Black, Single Marine & Sailor Program coordinator, said she is looking forward to providing another opportunity for fun in the sun.



An enlisted member enjoys a game of pool during SM&SP's annual alcohol-free event, this year, known as the 24-Hour Hoopla.